

WATERGATE POLL

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EDITORIAL

No Confidence

It is difficult to believe that the Seniors, at least, have been graced with two highly political assemblies within the time span of a month. First came Lieutenant Governor Donald Dwight, and then we were presented with the inauguration of Peabody's elected officials.

It is conceivable that these two events were set up for the benefit of the Seniors, but exactly what the students gained by attending these assemblies is questionable. Essentially, they were exposed to a n obvious and great public relations job by Mr. Dwight for Governor Sargent, and a largely ceremonial event including a brief address by the Mayor which contained no startling information.

As the poll on page 6 indicates, the majority of students do not think highly of their elected officials. These two events have done nothing to diminish that feeling. If anything, they've probably increased student dissatisfaction with government.

If people within the school department are really concerned with benefitting the student body, they might try presenting assemblies to large segments of the student body that involve speakers and groups who have accomplished something besides being an elected official. No one benefits by listening to words without meaning or accomplishments behind them

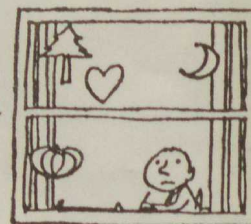
"No, You Can't"

Recently, there was a planned field trip for a group of female students at this school to the "Yes We Can" convention dealing with the Woman's Movement and role in society. However, this field trip was canceled because it was scheduled for the day before quarterlies.

Given the circumstances, this field trip should have had special consideration. In our changing society, women have finally been given the chance to realize that equal rights should exist. But, society changes slowly, if at all, at P.V.M.H.S. Individuals can't take advantage of their rights if they're not even given the opportunity to learn about them. But what does a major setback like this matter when there's no progress in the first place?

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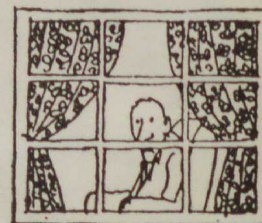
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WAS A JAIL.



UNTIL I GOT A
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OF A JAIL!



UNTIL I GOT DRAFTED INTO
THE ARMY. THE WORST JAIL
YET!



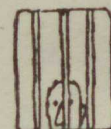
UNTIL I GOT IN
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AND LEARNED THAT JAIL IS
EVEN MORE OF A JAIL THAN
SCHOOL, A JOB, MARRIAGE,
OR THE ARMY.



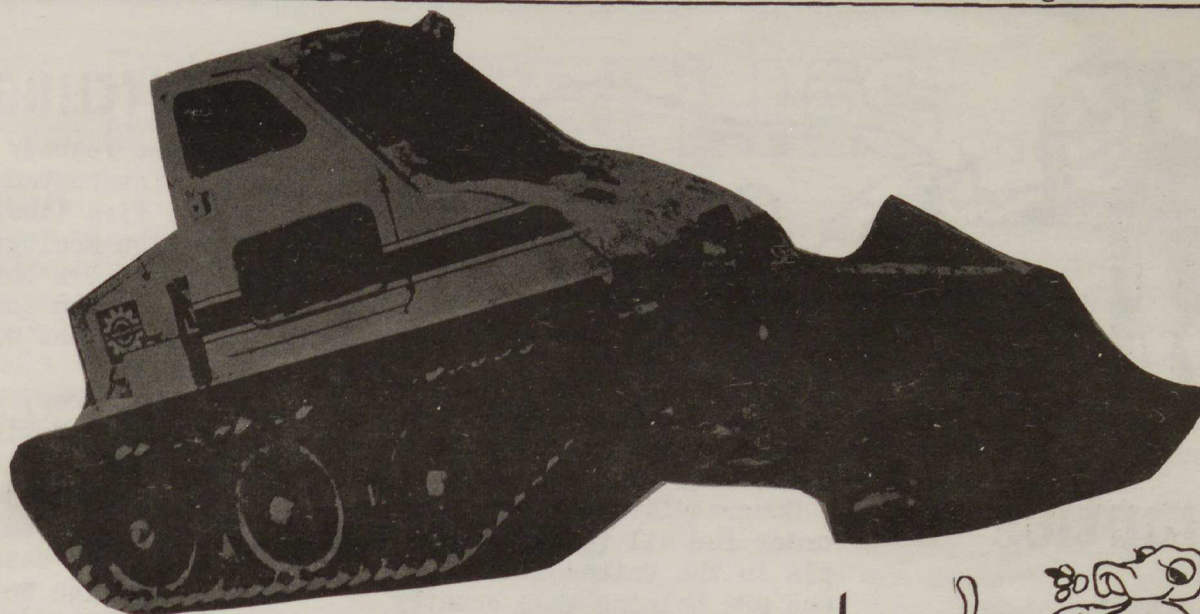
SO FINALLY I KNOW
WHAT FREEDOM'S
ALL ABOUT:



THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE
WHICH JAIL.



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ARTICLE BRINGS ACTION

Investigation for the article entitled "State Law Overlooked" in the November Issue of Vanguard appears to have brought about some results.

The Peabody school system finally filed a copy of its rules and regulations for students and teachers with the Massachusetts Department of

Education on November 16, 1973. This occurred after the article had been written and while the November issue of Vanguard was being printed.

Copies of both the student and teacher handbooks, that have been set aside by Mr. Welch, are available from the main office on request.

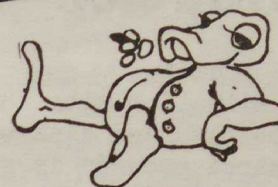
R.A.C.

There are presently eleven Regional Student Advisory Councils (RAC) across Massachusetts. Representatives to the Advisory Councils are elected from their respective high schools, one to a school. Each Regional Council meets once a month to work on projects (and to discuss topics) of interest to high school students.

Peabody's Regional Advisory Council representative

is Tony Bova. Tony is actively involved in the North Andover Council. Some of the issues that this council is currently studying are Students' rights, curriculum, smoking privileges, credit for extra curricular activities, and alternatives in Education.

Tony can be contacted in homeroom C-384, for any questions, comments, or suggestions that may arise. The alternate delegate to RAC is Kathy Walsh.



concert dates

February 13 & 14--Steven Stills and Maria Muldaur, at the Music Hall.

February 24--Bee Gees at Symphony Hall.

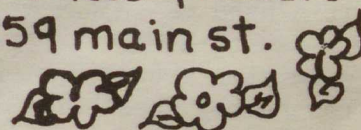
February 26--Yes at the Boston Garden.

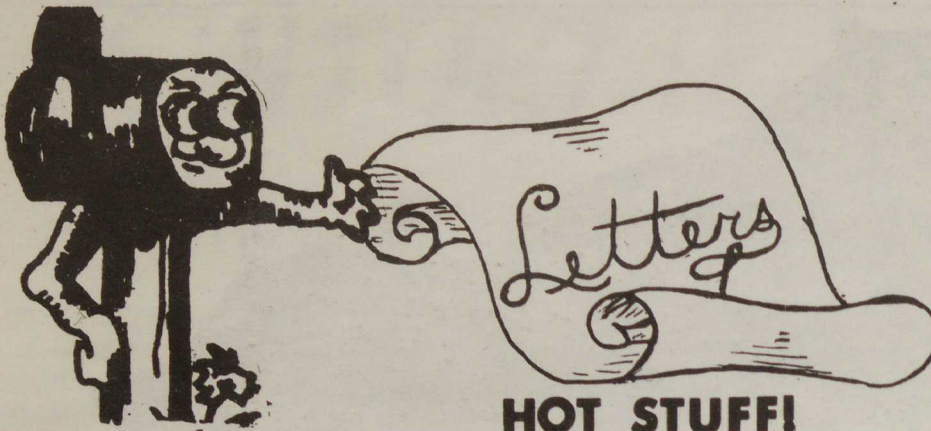
March 1--Linda Ronstadt and Jackson Browne at the Orpheum.

March 7--Aerosmith at the Orpheum.

Coming in March, but unannounced as of publication time, are Black Sabbath, Seals and Croft, and the Kinks.

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Empties

To the Editor:

The situation with the beer bottles and cans on the school grounds is getting ridiculous. When everyone comes up to the school on weekends, there is drinking. Why is it so impossible to keep the grounds clean? Here are a few suggestions on how to keep the grounds clean; (1) when unscrewing caps, take off the flip tops and throw them back into the bag or in the box the bottles or cans may have come in (2) when the cans or bottles are empty, put them back into the bag or box, and, (3) throw the remains in a rubbish can or put it back in your car. You can't get busted for empties.

It's the same situation when you ride around in your car. People must get thrills out of throwing beer bottles out the window and listening to them break, and I don't enjoy picking bottles up from my front lawn.

I wish people would start considering these points. It's hard to adjust to, but it has to be done. Pretty soon, the ground just might be one big sheet of glass.

A.W.

To the Editor:

Congratulations are in order for all the cold people in the United States who are helping this country and the rest of the world. They have been sticking to the restrictions that president Nixon has set for this country regarding fuel consumption. Although it has been hard for many, the people have continued to lower the temperatures in their houses, drive slower, and have refrained from decorating their homes with holiday lights.

Unlike many other crises this country has faced, the fuel crisis is one in which the "little people" can play a very important part. It means inconveniences, but many people are willing to go along with it because they feel that they are having a hand in running this country. With this kind of help, the country may soon be on its feet again.



RECYCLING

Since the Peabody Fire Dept. is interested in obeying state fire laws, the Peabody High Ecology Club will try to work out an alternative plan concerning paper collections within the school.

As you remember, a ten-barrel project designed to collect paper within the school had been rejected by the fire dept. because of possible safety hazards.

A Peabody High Ecology club member will discuss plans with the Peabody Environmental Control Commission (P.E.C.C.) in February. The club representative will try to find out whether or not the P.E.C.C. could send a truck to Peabody High at the end of some school day once a week. Three or four days previous to the trucks arrival, teachers and students will be advised to hold any newspapers or magazines they wish to save in their lockers or desks. On the designated day of the truck's arrival, the paper will be collected by volunteers and ecology club members.

From there, the paper is carried downstairs to the P.E.C.C.'s truck, and is carted away to the recycling plant.

Again, the importance of such an operation must be stressed. The P.E.C.C. is already conducting house-to-house paper collections. Having the P.E.C.C. come to our school is merely a continuation of their city-wide program. Peabody High, being a public institution, has a right to have its paper collected and recycled.

Steven H. Yaskell

BUTTERFLIES...

On February 5, P.V.M. H.S had been visited by the National Theater Company, an itinerant acting group that performs exclusively for High Schools and Colleges. Two performances, one during the day for interested students, and one at night, had been hosted by the Peabody High Drama Guild. Reportedly, the attendance of the evening performance was unexpectedly low, even with daily advertising in the movie sections of both town newspapers.

The show starred Don Jarrell, who played Don Baker, and Melinda Peterson, who portrayed the free-spirited, fun loving divorcee named Jill Tanner. Spring Condyan was Don's antagonistic mother and Ralph Austin, played by Joseph McCaren, was the play-boy director.

Don Baker is a blind, but happy and confident young man who is experimentally living from home and from his doting, over-caring mother. Meanwhile, he accidentally meets Jill



Tanner, his loud, friendly, next door neighbor. The result is Don's sure love for Jill, Jill's uncertain love for Don.

His mother (Spring Condyan) then enters the scene, meeting Jill. Don's mother wants to take "Donny" home. Don naturally refuses, but when Jill introduces Ralph Austin to Don that evening, Baker is hurt, but crushed when he learns that the two have decided to live together.

By the end of the third scene, Jill has rejected Don, and Don's mother has rejected Don. But in one final, desperate argument with Jill, Don informs the girl that she "is too afraid of responsibility", and that he loves her very much. She then stomps out of the room

...but returns to Don.

The Door is Open

Mr. Welch has advised the Vanguard that he is willing to meet with any student who feels that it is necessary to speak with him. Due to a



lack of communication, Mr. Welch feels that some students have not been aware of the extent of programs that he and other school officials have been working on. Mr. Welch has always met with any student who wishes to see him, but many students have not been aware of this policy.

In order to meet Mr. Welch, it is necessary to make an appointment a day or two in advance by going to the main office. This is to assure that you will see Mr. Welch, since he usually has several meetings scheduled each day. Students should also feel free to approach Mr. Welch when they see him outside of the main office.

Tell Us Anything!



Vanguard accepts all letters, no matter how controversial they are, as long as they are factual and in good taste. All correspondence should be addressed to Vanguard, c/o Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, Peabody, Mass. 01960.

STUDENT POLL:

Watergate Affects Views on Government

A poll released from the Principal's office taken of area high school students has shown that many students have taken a dim view of government. The poll, circulated for the benefit of Lt. Governor Donald Dwight, was conducted among 336 students at P.V.M.H.S., Peabody Vocational High School, and Salem High School.

40.4% of all those questioned have little or no confidence in elected public officials.

(1) "Where on the following scale do you place yourself in relation to your elected public official?"

- a. Have complete confidence in them. 2.7% (9)
- b. They perform adequately on most issues. 13.2% (44)
- c. They do some things well, but could do better overall. 42.6% (142)
- d. Have little confidence in them. 25.5% (85)
- e. Have no confidence in them. 15.9% (53)

Almost 85% of the students indicated that their confidence in government had decreased to some extent.

(2) "In the past eighteen months, has your opinion of government in general changed?"

- a. Have much greater confidence in government now. 0.3% (1)
- b. Have slightly more confidence in government now. 3.6% (12)
- c. No change. 11.6% (39)
- d. Confidence in government has decreased slightly. 29.2% (98)
- e. Confidence in government has decreased drastically. 55.3% (186)

One third of those polled felt that Watergate had done irreparable damage, but over 60% indicated that, in the long run, there would be either no damage or an improvement.

(3) In your opinion, what will be the long-range effect of Watergate on the American political structure?

- a. Watergate has done permanent damage. 33.3% (112)
- b. Watergate has done severe, but not permanent, damage. 35.4% (119)
- c. No significant impact either way. 5.4% (18)
- d. The long-range effect will be favorable because our political system will be more open and more honest as a result of Watergate. 26% (87)

SAT'S DROP

While educators have been maintaining that students are getting smarter and smarter, scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test have been getting lower and lower.

A report issued last month showed that SAT scores declined for the tenth straight year. The average scores of this year's high-school graduates were 445 on the verbal portion and 481 on the mathematical portion. During the 1962-63 school year, the average scores were 478 on the verbal and 502 on the math.

The SAT is the principal admissions exam used by colleges and universities throughout the country. The examination is scored on a scale of 200 to 800. Top students usually score above 600.

The standard explanation for the sliding scores is that more students -- including people who wouldn't previously have considered college -- are taking the test and thus driving down the average. But a dissident official of the College Board, who asked not to be identified, said that the number of testees has leveled off, and suggested that it might be time to consider the possibility that elementary and secondary schools are not preparing students as well as in former years.

(Reprinted from 'Rolling Stone')

STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

There is a corner of the fourth floor office of the Mass. Department of Education that is known as the Student Service Center. The Center has become the unofficial headquarters of the State and Regional Student Advisory Councils, and a place to which students (as well as teachers, parents, and administrators) can come, call or write when seeking student-related information.

The services provided at the Center include a Speaker's Bureau, Topic File, Community File, Alternative Education Information, a Research Team, and a fairly extensive referral system.

The Speakers Bureau provides to schools speakers on a variety of subjects at

varying fees, and sometimes, no cost.

The Topic File, considered to be the backbone of the Center, contains comparatively complete materials on matters ranging from alcoholism to identification cards to Youth Services.

The Community File consists of various kinds of information on every community and school system in the Commonwealth. Among the information found in our files are high school policies, students rights and responsibilities handbooks, curriculum guides, student codes, and a listing of services rendered to the townspeople by their community.

The Alternative Education Information File contains a listing and brief descrip-

tion of innovative programs in various school systems throughout the State, listings of high schools with approved Open Campus programs, and a listing of persons to contact regarding these programs.

The Research Team does just that: research. If you have a request, they will research it and send you the information.

Interested persons are invited to visit the Center on any weekday. Our files will be open to you, and our staff will help you all they can. We exist to serve you.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Student Service Center, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Education, 182 Tremont St. Boston, Mass. 02111. The phone number is: (1) 727-7040.

APERTURE



Student Scientist at PVMHS

More than 100 young students and their parents from the Greater Boston area attended a Get-Acquainted evening Dec. 11 at Boston's Museum of Science. They were accompanied by members of the Million Dollar Round Table who nominated the youth for a free junior membership in the Museum.

The community service project has been selected by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company as a means of honoring the MDRT insurance sales executive.

The Get-Acquainted evening included a science show, "Charge and Discharge," which explores electricity, guided tours of the Museum by the volunteer Highlighters, and refreshments.

Before seeing the science show in Cahners Theatre, the group was welcomed by Henry E. Russell, president of the Boston Safe; Donald Shepherd, past president of MDRT; and Richard Howe, director of the Museum's public relations and development division.

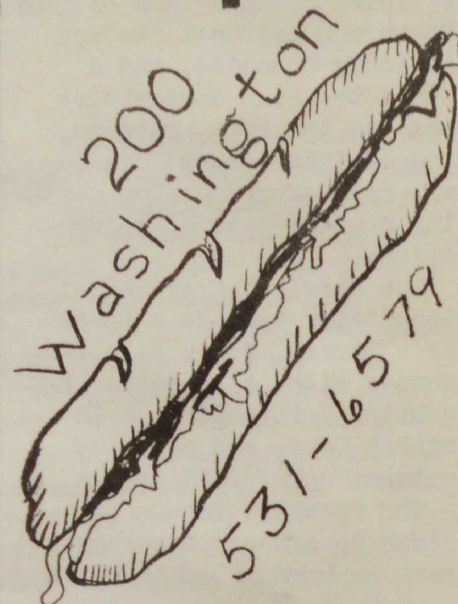


Joseph Maciewicz and Mr. Pran N. Tiku, at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Among those participating was Joseph Maciewicz, a sophomore at Peabody High School, who was selected by the science department of the school for sponsorship by Mr. Pran N. Tiku, a Million Dollar Round Table member and manager of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co. in Boston.

Some 180 boys and girls will use their memberships as Student-Scientists to investigate new exhibits and attend special programs and events at the Museum. This is the second year that the MDRT Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company project has been in effect.

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KOUHOUTEK?

A lot of people have been standing out in the icy winter cold, facing the southwest, and saying to themselves: "Where?"

Yes, where is Kouhoutek, "The Comet of the Century", the "Christmas star". the huge and brilliant comet that was supposed to have descended from heaven in order to light up our earth?

As mentioned in the first article about Kouhoutek, some comets have a tendency to burn out. This "burning out" of a comet occurs as the comet circles our sun, when most of the ice particles and compounds that compose the comet begin melting and burn up due to the intense heat. And, needless to say, some comets may "melt" faster than others. Kouhoutek probably melted to a point where only powerful telescopes could be used in the viewing of it.

RADIO

DRAMA

Most high school students have never been exposed to radio drama, but there are currently two sources of this programming on the air.

Broadcasts from the thirties, forties and fifties can be heard on WBCN-FM at about 7:40 A.M. Monday through Friday. These are usually fifteen-minute shows, but occasional thirty minute shows span two days so they may be heard in their entirety.

The other program can be heard over WEEI-AM, daily at 11:10 P.M. This is a syndicated series on the CBS network radio, entitled "The CBS Mystery Radio theater", hosted by E.G. Marshall. "Mystery Theater" is a fifty-two minute drama written especially for the show. The venture is noteworthy due to the fact that it marks the first time in many years in which radio dramas can be heard on a regular basis.

This type of theater is different from the contemporary genre, because in addition to having famous stars performing, there is

a more important element; the use of imagination. One's imagination tends to enliven the whole story, for it is the mind that creates the setting, the actor's appearances, and the plot itself.

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GOVERNMENT STUDY REPORTS:

(FPS) The controversial theory that resources shortages may actually threaten modern civilization recently won official support from a U.S. government agency for the first time.

In the first comprehensive survey of U.S. mineral resources since 1952, the U.S. Geological Survey warned that "not merely (U.S.) affluence, but world civilization" are "in jeopardy".

The Geological Survey published a 722 page, item by item analysis of U.S. supply and demand in 64 mineral resources and warned that many of them are, or will be, in short supply.

A study prepared at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology two years ago, called "The Limits To Growth", warned that modern civilization would overshoot the world's ability to sustain it, and would collapse unless popu-

lation growth and industrial production are soon curtailed.

A similar view was expressed by British scientists in a paper called "Blueprint for Survival".

But such ideas have been criticized by others, including public officials, who charged that the gloomy projections were based on inadequate data and shaky assumptions.

The new Geological Survey study, which set itself the task of gauging the adequacy of mineral supplies for the future, thus lends new, and for the first time official, support to the dire warnings of "Limits" and "Blueprint" studies.

"Careful study of . . . the volume in its entirety," wrote editors Donald A. Brobat and Walden L. Pratt, "leads to the conclusion that only a few commodities are readily available to last for hundreds of years."



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THE END MAY BE NEAR

"The real extent of our dependence on mineral resources on the "undeveloped potential places in jeopardy not merely affluence, but world civilization."

Brobat and Pratt urged that the environmental problems of mining "enormous volumes of low-grade ores" should be tackled "squarely, realistically, and soon . . . between industry and the public at large."

They pointed to "the extent to which many potential byproducts and coproducts are literally being wasted -- lost forever -- because there is no apparent economic incentive for recovering them".

Geological Survey Director V.E. McKelvey, in a chapter on mineral resource estimates and public policy, expressed personal confidence that the world can develop adequate mineral resources to support and create high standards of living for thousands of years to come.

McKelvey based his view . . . in each of the processes by which we create resources", saying that "our experience justifies the belief that these processes have dimensions beyond our knowledge and even beyond our imagination at any given time."

But McKelvey, too, urged "a deep review of resource adequacy . . . simply because the stakes have become so high."

"If resource adequacy cannot be assured into the far-distant future," he wrote, "a major reorientation of our philosophy, goals, and way of life will be necessary."

"And, if we do need to revert to a low resource-consuming economy, we will have to begin the process as quickly as possible in order to avoid chaos and catastrophe."

Special Olympics

Veterans Memorial High School will be the site of the Essex County Special Olympics track and field meet in May. Special Olympics are cosponsored by the Massachusetts Special Olympic Association and the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. The Peabody meet is being sponsored by the Peabody Recreation Department, directed by Richard Walker. Area coordinators for the meet are Maureen Cahill, Karen Heil, and Jim Nangle.

Mentally retarded children from all the cities and towns in Essex County will be eligible to compete in events such as the 50 yard dash, softball throw, standing broad jump, high jump and relays.

Each city and town will send a team of children to compete with others at their own ability level. Winners in this County meet will then go on to the State meet in June.

Coaches of the Peabody team are Judy Nangle and Dana D'Amour, instructors at Higgins Jr. High.

The coordinators of the meet will be at the high school in the near future to recruit volunteers to help out on the day of the meet.

Anyone wanting more information may contact the coaches, the area coordinators or Dick Walker at the Recreation Dept. (532-1669)

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Seniors at P.V.M.H.S had the opportunity to view the recent inauguration of the city officials in Peabody. The ceremonies took place on Monday, January 7, in the school auditorium.

To the sound of Haydn's "Entrada", played by the P.V.M.-H.S band, the councillors and Mayor Nicholas Mavroules entered the auditorium. The Rev. Daniel Hart of St. John's Parish in Peabody read the invocation and the meeting came to order.

The first order of business was the swearing in of Mavroules as Mayor of the City of Peabody for the next two years, and after a solo by Greg Diminiture, the light Commissioners were sworn in, followed by the library Trustees.

The Mayor was then escorted from the auditorium for the duration of the organization of the City Council. Ward 2



INAUGURATION

councilor Louis A. Cersosimo was deemed President of the City Council by the council, the councilor's seats being determined by a drawing of numbered cards from a box.

Introductions of motions, orders, and resolutions were made, and a presentation of special plates from England were donated to the City of Peabody. A gavel was presented to last year's Council President Stephen E. Tilas.

Mavroules, having been re-escorted into the hall, delivered his inaugural address. The Mayor suggested a number of changes to be made in Peabody, including the expansion of the Vocational High School, the establishment of a new water dept. (separate from the dept. of public works), the planning of a new and larger Postal Office, and the establishment of an office of community development.

After the Mayor's address, the meeting was ceremoniously

